

New Motive Power Code for Flex-Fuel Vehicles

New Information

This memo rescinds the VIN 2012-32 New Motive Power Code for Flex-Fuel Vehicles memo. The motive power code “F” is invalid at this time. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will identify and correct vehicle records reflecting the incorrect motive power and release a procedural memo when programming for motive power code “F” is complete.

Procedures

When the vehicle is a flex-fuel vehicle (FFV), continue to enter “F” in the Motive Power or Fuel Type box on the Application for Registration of New Vehicle (REG 397), Report of Sale-Used Vehicle (REG 51), Verification of Vehicle (REG 31), or Application for Title or Registration (REG 343) forms.

If you are a Business Partner Automation (BPA) participant, and the system generates an “F” as the motive power but returns the error message “0013 DATA DOES NOT MATCH VALID CODES,” key “G” in the *MOTIVE POWER* field on the *DATA COLLECT* screen to continue processing the application.

NOTE: The California Certificate of Title is not required to correct the motive power.

Background

FFVs are subject to the same smog requirements as gasoline-powered vehicles. Programming of a new motive power code is necessary to identify FFVs; however, programming is not in place at this time.

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